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SUBJECT: PORT ASSISTANCE TEAM

REF: SECDEF 051955Z

1. EMBASSY IS WELL AWARE OF PROBLEMS WITH SAUDI PORTS. EXPERTS FROM JOINT COMMISSION HAVE EXAMINED BOTH PORTS AND CUSTOMS PROBLEMS (PRELIMINARY REPORTS AVAILABLE FROM TREASURY) AND EMBASSY IS DOING ITS BEST TO ENCOURAGE SAUDI OFFICIALS TO MOVE AHEAD IN TRYING TO REACH A SOUND ESTIMATE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM. SUGGEST ARMY TEAM DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH U.S. CIVILIAN PORT/CUSTOMS EXPERTS SENT UNDER TREASURY/JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION AUSPICES IN LATE 1974.

2. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE ARMY IS INVOLVED, AND WE HOPE THAT THEY CAN INDEED HELP TO MOVE TOWARD SOME SOLUTIONS OF THE IMMEDIATE, SHORT-TERM PROBLEM. THIS EFFORT MUST, HOWEVER, BE COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY AND WITH U.S./SAUDI JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

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ACTION REQUESTED: ARMY TEAM IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT

AT EMBASSY BEFORE BEGINNING THIS EFFORT AND TO COORDINATE ITS EFFORTS COMPLETELY, VIA USMTM, WITH EMBASSY. PLEASE INFORM ETA WHEN FINAL.

3. WE HAVE ALSO JUST RECEIVED A CABLE, DISTENGR RIYADH 031000Z MAY, WHICH INDICATES VINELL CORP. HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE SAUDI NATIONAL GUARD AT DAMMAM. ARMY TEAM SHOULD ALSO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES WITH THIS GROUP. AKINS

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